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KNITTERS/CROCHETERS: a reminder because I'm still seeing dozens of posts saying how hard it is to crochet or knit with double strands. If you are only making pouches, you really don't have to! When a pattern written in Australian terms asks for 8 ply yarn, they're asking for American DK weight. If you use an American worsted you're already using a heavier weight than expected and as long as you use a small enough needle or hook, your fabric will be thick enough but still flexible. IF YOU ARE MAKING NESTS, the product called for going to be much thicker and double stranding is an option. Look at the total weight the pattern asks for, and either add up thinner yarn to get there or use a thicker yarn. Example: if you only have worsted yarn, use two strands. If you possess chunky, or bulky, or super bulky, use that. As with all of the approved patterns, if your fabric is too thin or shows holes, go down a hook/needle size or two. Having no holes and getting the correct finished size is more important than yarn weight- not making your hands ache for a week would be a plus. ●●● Edited to say: if you are using two strands for everything, firmly believe that's how it should be done, and really like the result you are getting, it's entirely possible to JUST CARRY ON DOING THAT instead of 1) messaging me privately to tell me how stupid I am or 2) starting an argument in the comments. I've been testing/writing & translating international patterns for a few years and so I was trying to share some things I've learned. Some people have found this useful. If you don't, you are free to ignore it. But PLEASE no more nasty messages.

Yarn Weight Conversion Chart		
UK	USA	Australia
1 ply	Laceweight	2 ply
2 ply	Fingering	3 ply
3 ply	Sock	3 ply
4 ply	Sport	5 ply
DK	DK/Light Worsted	8 ply
Aran	Worsted	10 ply
Chunky	Bulky	12 ply
Super Chunky	Super Bulky	14 ply

* Please note that conversions are approximate